



Flu Cases Double in One Week; Number Hits 142



Heather Brady/Bullet

Left: Friends wrote 'oink oink' on the dry erase board on sophomore Alaina Esposito and junior Erin Perugini's door after Esposito was diagnosed with influenza-like illness.

Right: A surgical mask from the Health Center that Esposito's friends left on her door-knob after she was diagnosed with influenza-like illness.



Heather Brady/Bullet

By **HEATHER BRADY**
Staff Writer

The Student Health Center has seen 142 cases of influenza-like illness as of Tuesday night, Oct. 27.

According to Tom Riley, director of the Health Center and university physician, the actual number of flu cases is probably much higher due to students that become ill but do not go to the Health Center for treatment.

"The number of cases in a typical flu epidemic follows a classic bell shaped curve over a two to three week period," Riley said. "We should be reaching the peak soon, followed by a decline."

Students are diagnosed with influenza-like illness, or ILI, based on their symptoms. According to Riley, the Virginia Department of Health's instructions to the Health Center two months ago were that it could be more reliable to count cases of ILI than to use the in-office rapid-tests, which are considered unreliable.

"This has not changed," Riley said. "According to the [Center for Disease Control], 97 percent of cases of ILI at this time of year are due to the 2009 H1N1 virus. The regular seasonal flu and the 2009 H1N1 flu have the same symptoms, but the regular seasonal flu is not usually active this time of year."

Erin Perugini, a junior resident of Willard Hall, was one of the 142 students diagnosed with the flu.

"I got it from my roommate, Alaina, even though I slept with a mask on and spent limited time in the room and Lysol-ed the hell out of the

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Graduates Strike Out in Job Search

By **ANNE ELDER**
Staff Writer

After four years of hard work and lectures, many college students are finding that their biggest test is finding a job after graduation.

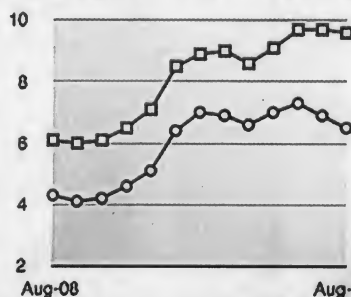
The current job market has limited the opportunities of internships and full-time jobs that once lay in front of matriculating seniors. According to

CBS News, only one in five college graduates in 2009 left school having a job, compared to one in two graduates with jobs in 2007.

The *New York Times* reported similar statistics from the Economic Policy Institute, stating that the unemployment rate for college graduates under the age of 27 has in-

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	Aug-09	Jul-08	Aug-08
○ Virginia	6.5%	6.9%	4.3%
seasonally adj.	6.5%	6.9%	4.1%
■ United States	9.6%	9.7%	6.1%
seasonally adj.	9.7%	9.4%	6.2%



Courtesy of vec.virginia.gov

The unemployment rate in Virginia in comparison to the United States unemployment rate over one year.

Speaker Urges Research On Afghanistan

By **MILES DUMVILLE**
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Ashraf Haidari, political counselor at the Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington, D.C., made a final request to Mary Washington students while concluding his speech in a crowded Jepson 219 on Wednesday, Oct. 21. He asked for students "to research and write about Afghanistan."

Hosted by the department of political science and international affairs, Haidari came to talk to UMW students and faculty about the present state of Afghanistan, the upcoming presidential election and the importance of an active relationship between the United States and Afghanistan.

According to a biography of Haidari found on the Embassy of Afghanistan Web site, Haidari and his family took refuge out of the country in 1990. After attending Wabash College as an undergraduate student and receiving a master's degree from Georgetown University, Haidari has held positions with the United Nations, Georgetown and the Embassy of Afghanistan. He currently serves as the political counselor of the embassy, directly assisting the

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Courtesy of Ashraf Haidari

Above: Political Counselor Ashraf Haidari

Lip Sync Contest

See page 6 in Entertainment for a full story on the Lip Sync contest.

Left: sophomore Chris Velluci

Below: junior Laura Evans; freshman Adam Hunter; senior Jennifer Trotter



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Technology Convergence Center Planned to Open Near Library

By **SARA MARRON**
Staff Writer

Plans to build an Information and Technology Convergence Center between the Simpson Library and the Woodard Student Center have been approved, although the funding and a date for construction await results of a budget amendment that is due for proposal in December.

"All we have authorized is planning funds," said John Morello, Associate Provost. "The state has not approved the funding necessary to build the building, only the planning. Now we have to wait to see if there is going to be a budget amendment proposed by the governor."

The initiative for an Information and Technology Convergence Center adjacent to the Simpson Library was included in the report to the Strategic Planning Steering

Committee this past spring.

The Convergence Center is intended to be a "physical and philosophical connector," according to the six-year capital outlay plan from August 2007 on the university's website.

The plan also adds that the demolition of Mercer Hall may be necessary in order to construct the center.

According to the capital outlay plan, \$3.5 million was requested initially to fund planning costs. These costs included architectural and engineering fees.

Additionally, the plan estimated the new construction costs to be around \$24 million, and projected a 24-month time period for completion of construction. The source of the funding is yet to be determined.

"At this point, it's all design," said Morello.

"They could definitely use more com-

puter labs," sophomore Elizabeth Lewis said of the library's current technological resources. "Everyone would benefit because a lot of the labs in Trinkle seem outdated, and are often restricted for use by only students of the computer science majors."

According to the Phase I planning document, the Convergence Center will be "part creativity laboratory for innovative pedagogy and student projects, part advanced-digital-resources nexus supporting instruction, research, assessment, and planning, and part showcase."

"This is a good thing," senior William Bowling said. "The computer labs available right now often have too many restrictions on hours to be useful."

The center will house massive digital archives produced by students of the uni-

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By JESSICA MASULLI
Staff Writer

Oct. 22- At 10 a.m., it was reported that someone had tried to gain entry into the Fitness Center. A lock to an outside gate had been bent. Also, a door panel into the auxiliary gym had been kicked. Police are unsure if these vandalism are related. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 23- At 8 a.m., it was reported that the wrong person had signed for a package at the campus post office. The package contained medications. Police are unsure if the forgery was intentional or a mistake. The package has not yet been returned and police are still looking into the incident.

Oct. 24- At 11:50 p.m., a UMW student was observed vandalizing a Fredericksburg sign in the 1000 block of Sunken Road. After police received the report, they approached the student and found that the student was also intoxicated. The student was arrested for drunk in public. The City of Fredericksburg decides whether or not to press charges for vandalizing the sign.

This information was compiled with help from
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SGA Re-evaluates Facebook and Video Campaigning in Elections

By ERIC STEIGLEDER
Staff Writer

On Nov. 18, members of Student Senate plan to introduce a series of reforms that they hope will bring stability to future campus elections and may change the way Facebook and videos are used.

The members of the Constitutional Order Committee want to amend the SGA Constitution. The committee hopes to address some of the issues that plagued SGA elections last year, according to Constitutional Order Committee Chairman Paul Dolan, a senior.

"Our constitution, in its current state, is not exactly ideal," Dolan said. "The whole point of our committee is to make the constitution more concise and at the same time more encompassing."

Dolan also addressed his personal involvement in last year's election for Honor Council President, and how his committee's changes will help make future elections less troublesome. Dolan ran against Senator James Martin and Sarah Payne, the eventual winner of the Honor Council Presidency in a second election after the first was contested.

"Had there been a second contestation, there may be no Honor Council president this year," Dolan said. "We have to work with them [Election Rules and Procedures Committee] to make

their job as easy as possible."

In their list of proposed amendments, the Constitutional Order Committee addresses such issues as campaign videos, Facebook events and club endorsements.

Dolan's committee will propose that campaign videos be restricted in length and number, and that the "message all" feature for Facebook groups and events be restricted.

"We don't want to be soliciting people that haven't consented to solicitation already," Dolan said. "Everyone should be involved [in elections], but we don't want to be in people's faces about it."

However, the committee will propose that content of campaign videos and the creation of Facebook groups for the purposes of campaigning remain unrestricted. Dolan also stressed that that campus clubs will be encouraged to endorse candidates during UMW's election season.

The committee's amendment recommendations will also address ambiguities in the Ethics and Conduct Committee (ECC) authority.

These will include specifying the Election and Conduct Committee as the sole body responsible

for removing student senators. Dolan will also put forward a change to Constitutional sections explicitly defining the obligations of senators. Dolan hopes to include a citation of the Senate Code of Ethics.

"This is being done to both avoid redundancy," Dolan said in an e-mail, "and to solidify that the Ethics and Conduct Committee is the sole body to define the duties and responsibilities of

student senators."

These proposals have earned Dolan and his committee support as well as criticism.

SGA President Sam Miller expressed confidence in the changes.

"I support the effort," Miller said. "I think it's very important so that elections run smoothly."

Senator James Martin, who ran

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A screenshot of SGA's constitution on the SGA Web site.

Speaker Wants Better Afghan Relations

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Afghan ambassador to the U.S.

In his presentation, Haidari said that the biggest concern for Afghanistan right now is its lack of security, institutionalized law making and law enforcement.

"Security has been declining in Afghanistan since 2004, when the first presidential elections were conducted in the country," Haidari said.

He went on to say that the United States plays an important role in the country's institutional goal of security, and that security was lacking during former President Bush's final term as president.

"Because the last administration took its eye off Afghanistan and increasingly focused on the Iraq war...the Taliban and Al Qaeda began regrouping and resurging in much of the south and east of Afghanistan," Haidari said.

With an introduction by Assistant Professor of Political Science Surupa Gupta, Haidari's presentation was followed by a panel of questions by Assistant Professor Nabil Al-Tikriti of the department of history and American studies, and Associate Professor Jason Davidson and Assistant Professor Ranjit Singh, both in the department of political science and international affairs.

Gupta, who was involved in bringing Haidari to the school, stressed the importance of his presentation at UMW.

"It is important because this is a critical juncture for the United States with Afghanistan," Gupta said. "It's really important that students hear something new from someone who they deem an authentic and credible source."

Haidari also stressed the importance of students actively informing themselves about Afghanistan.

"To succeed [in Afghanistan] it takes commitment from the American people," Haidari said in an interview the following day. "It is important that students do research to understand what needs to be done."

Recommendations Haidari made for sources of research include projects by major think tanks on Afghanistan and speaking engagements in Washington D.C.

"There has not been a day for the past three months in Washington where there have not been events on Afghanistan," Haidari said.

He also recommended looking at alternative international news sources, "not just CNN and BBC."

When asked about the upcoming Nov. 7 runoff elections between incumbent President Hamid Karzai and former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, Haidari said that democracy is necessary in Afghanistan.

"My personal opinion, based on international experience, has been that at the end of the day, holding elections is just a democratic exercise that must happen," Haidari said.

Employers Hire Less Recent Grads

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creased to 7.1 percent, almost double the rate in 2007.

These national statistics are hitting close to home for students at Mary Washington.

"A lot of the jobs that would normally go to college graduates are being given to experienced, middle-aged people who have lost their jobs," class of 2009 graduate Quela Carlson said. "They are fighting just as hard as we are for entry-level jobs."

"I am positive the qualifications for simpler jobs have been getting stricter and tougher because employers are realizing people are more desperate to be employed," 2009 graduate Julia Munzert said. "I have seen several secretarial jobs—not even corporate assistants or anything—that have required Ph.D.s."

However, many faculty members are citing the benefits of unpaid alternatives.

"The ideal situation would be having an internship prior to graduation," Director of Career Services Gary Johnson said.

Johnson explained that this increases the student's marketability to all employers while improving their resume, as well as building connections with potential employers even if they don't stay with the same company.

"I would recommend that [students] pursue internships or consider training programs or workshops to learn specific skills or earn certifications," Brooke Donaldson, assistant professor

of French, said. "As part of the government stimulus program, the Workforce Investment Board and many companies have received money to provide such services."

Despite the challenging job market, many employers are still recruiting on campus with events like last Thursday's Career Fair, sponsored by the Office of Career Services. Over 60 employers sent representatives to the Great Hall, where they were able to answer questions, network, and find potential hires.

However, these employers are not able to hire as many students as they were in previous years. Lauren Andrews, a human resources representative from an accounting firm in Richmond, said the firm was only offering five positions this year, as opposed to 10 last year.

"Our current interns are getting the job offers," she said. "The students aren't getting as many offers as usual."

Andrews graduated from UMW in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in English, and said she knows how hard it is to find a job in today's economy. She said within their firm, the positions are very competitive and the desired GPA

has increased tremendously.

"Focus on extracurriculars and try to get as much experience under your belt as possible," she advised.

However, not all companies saw a decrease in the amount of people they were able to hire. All of the government-affiliated businesses are remaining consistent.

"Stick with the government—we're stable," said Amanda MacDonald, an auditor with the US Department of Education.

MacDonald went on to explain that the Recovery and Reinvestment Act, an economic stimulus bill enacted in February, has greatly helped the permanence of government jobs.

Johnson said the government was "hiring significant

numbers" of people and the jobs were "very competitive."

Several students are also looking further into the alternative of graduate school. At George Washington University in Washington, DC, the student-run newspaper the *Hatchet* reported in January that graduate applications were up 7 percent in the past

year.

Similarly, Duke University reportedly had a 33 percent increase in graduate applications, according to USNews.com.

"I am deciding if I will be going to graduate school and working or just working, which will affect what kind of job I pursue [after graduation]," Margaux DeLong, a UMW senior, said.

Donaldson made this observation as well.

"Rather than choosing graduate school as an alternative, more students are resigning themselves to the fact that they may well have to start with a temporary or less-than-ideal job before settling into something more permanent and/or desirable," Donaldson said.

While the job market may be thin right now, employers and faculty encourage students to keep trying, no matter what setbacks they may face.

"Be open to all jobs, consider all possibilities," Johnson advised. "You'll have the best luck with some flexibility."

He said that he hopes the class of 2010 will not face difficulties in finding employment to the same degree as the class of 2009, as they are beginning to see more job listings and more requests from employers to be listed.

"Hopefully for this graduating class, the job market will continue to improve," he said.

"Be patient and persistent and [don't] be discouraged," Donaldson said, "[you] are certainly not alone."

"A lot of the jobs that would normally go to college graduates are being given to experienced, middle-aged people who have lost their job."

—Quela Carlson

Viewpoints

Swine Flu is Not a National Emergency

As of this week, swine flu is a national emergency, a move by President Obama that's more of a formality than anything else, despite the dire-sounding name.

Officially, the declaration gives Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius the ability to bypass certain federal restrictions, particularly regarding the establishment of off-hospital treatment centers like at schools and tents more than 300 yards away from the hospital building.

Swine flu is a nasty bug that will knock you out for a couple of weeks and certainly it's no fun to have, but

Health Organization, which originally declared H1N1 a pandemic, the disease is only moderate, meaning most people recover just fine and most hospitals are equipped to handle the amount of patients they get.

Staff Editorial

"The H1N1 virus is not a national emergency, and labeling it as such causes people to panic unnecessarily."

Let's look at the facts: Swine Flu is indeed easier to catch than the regular flu, at least for demographics that aren't usually susceptible to the seasonal flu. Our own campus now has more than 140 suspected cases.

But even according to the World

necessarily "national emergency" caliber—similar diseases like the Norovirus spread just as quickly, and that hasn't been made a national emergency.

The point is this: While the powers granted to Sebelius are probably helpful, there are other ways to grant her those powers that don't cause national

panic. Whether the intent was to avoid administrative red tape or warn people of the dangers of the flu, the result will inevitably be panic. The word emergency carries certain connotations with it, and people will pick up on that.

It's a bad bug, to be sure, and everyone should amp up their basic hygiene to avoid getting sick, but the H1N1 virus is not a national emergency, and labeling it as such causes people to panic unnecessarily. We've all got enough to worry about as it is.

Savings Accounts Are a Better Fix for Healthcare

BY MASON RAYNER
Guest Columnist

How can we fix health care? That's the debate that has been raging in the halls of Congress and across the country since early in the summer. Almost everyone agrees the current system is a poor one, with costs too high and coverage too scarce. The question that has provoked so much debate is this: how do we cover the uninsured and lower costs?

The left has offered a number of ideas. The progressive wing of the Democratic party favors a "public option": a government run insurance program which would take on those who can't afford private insurance. Conservatives charge that the progressives really want a Canadian/Western European style single-payer system, in which the government is the sole facilitator of medical care, and that the public option will inexorably lead to such a system.

They have a point. The public option would address the coverage problem, but it would exacerbate the problem of rapidly accelerating costs.

More moderate Democrats have offered a plan (spearheaded by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.) that would provide subsidies to the uninsured, require insurance companies to cover those with pre-existing conditions, and mandate that everyone buy health insurance. The penalty for not buying insurance, however, is small enough that many of the young people currently not insured could choose to pay it instead of buying insurance.

As a result, this plan would lead to sizeable increases in insurance premiums for everyone: the influx of sick people (those with pre-existing conditions) into the insurance pool would not be offset by entry of enough healthy, young people to spread an insurer's costs over. Like the public option, the Baucus plan would be enormously expensive for the government.

Republicans have offered a few intriguing proposals, such as expanding health savings accounts (tax free accounts for medical expenditures), which could help lower costs; however, they haven't come up with a credible way to get the uninsured covered.

Here's a proposal that could lower costs and cover the uninsured, without increasing the deficit.

The government would provide universal catastrophic coverage: if your medical expenses went over a certain percentage of your income, the government would take over your bills. Concurrently, the current employer-based system of health insurance would be replaced by an individual market: everyone would get a health savings account, the balance of which they would use for checkups, tests, and minor surgeries. People with lower incomes would be provided subsidies for their accounts and catastrophic coverage premiums.

Ideally, this system would gradually replace Medicare and Medicaid, so that Americans of all ages would be guaranteed coverage for serious health events but would use their own dollars for routine and minor coverage.

Why would this proposal work? The main problem with our current system is this: none of us know how much our medical procedures cost. The price system, which works so well in allocating scarce resources in other sectors of the economy, isn't allowed to function in health care. Since health insurance pays for everything, we have no idea what certain tests and drugs cost. As a result, we don't shop around for the best prices and we over consume.

The result is persistently escalating prices. Health savings accounts, by allowing individuals to control their health care dollars, would provide incentives for judicious use of those dollars. Greater discretion and wiser choices at the individual level would lead to lower prices for everyone.

Insurance should be there for us when we need it most, but unfortunately this hasn't always been the case in recent years. We've all heard the horror stories about people being forced into bankruptcy because they can't pay their hospital bills. Universal catastrophic coverage takes care of that problem as well: you would be guaranteed care once your medical spending reached a certain level. At that point, demand for health care is greatly inelastic, so the inefficiencies of abandoning the price mechanism for allocating resources would be of far less importance.

Universal catastrophic coverage complemented by health savings accounts, if implemented, could bend the cost curve for health care downwards, cover the uninsured and avoid expanding the federal deficit. What are we waiting for?

Campus Safety Important Issue for Residential Students and Commuters

BY DAWN ROBEY
Staff Writer

Parking for anyone is a daunting issue at UMW, but for commuter students, it's frustrating and riddled with fear. It's an act of providence to achieve a parking space and preposterous measures must be taken to obtain one that's close to where you need to be.

I have been commuting for two years now. I've spent \$400 in parking decals and gained a nice set of calves for my efforts. As an English major, all of my classes are in Combs Hall, on the south end of campus; the opposing end as the parking deck. There are two designated parking lots for commuter students; one at the north end on Thornton Street, the other at the south end on William Street.

The William Street lot is shared with residential students and about as far away from "campus activity" as you can get while still being within UMW's perimeter. Parking is being addressed by adding more spaces, yet the distance from class settings is something that commuter students need to take into consideration.

Everyone is aware of the sexual assault that happened about a year ago in the parking garage. A sophomore was taken to the hospital after encountering a still unidentified man on the third floor of the garage. Earlier the same year, a runner was attacked on the UMW track on Hanover Street. This year there have been four alleged sexual misconduct acts on campus.

The disturbing connection between the lack of parking at UMW and the crime on campus is that commuter students are often walking long distances, many times alone, and this could be very

dangerous. Personally, there are days that I don't see a single other pedestrian while walking from campus to my car in the William Street parking lot. After attending class meetings, I've walked to my car in the dark, and let me tell you, that is one scary venture.

I used to think that my paranoia was unjust and that I was safe on campus, yet recently my nerves have kicked into high gear along with many other students. Campus safety has been a hot button issue recently and the overall opinion is that it could use some improvement. President Judy Hample's test of the "blue light" phone system on campus found that it took police six minutes to respond to her distress call from one of the many emergency telephones placed on campus. The student escort service, in which personnel walk with or drive students who do not want to walk alone, can also take a significant length of time to respond to a student's request for escort.

Though these security issues are campus-wide, commuters need to pay close attention to their own actions while the security issues on campus are being addressed. Here are some common sense suggestions for both commuter and residential students to avoid potentially dangerous situations on campus:

1.) Walk with a buddy. Assaults are more frequently directed towards those who are alone.

Generally, commuter students arrive at campus a little before others in order to insure a parking space and to make time for the walk from parking to class. Students can confer with others in their first class and see who else is commuting at the same time of the day. Those students can walk to class together and alleviate the danger of being caught alone.

2.) Pay attention to your surroundings. MP3 players, cell phones, and other devices can be a good distraction from the walk, but they also divert your attention from what's going on around you. Limit your distractions by holding off on calling Mom or listening to Britney Spears until you get to your car.

3.) Have your keys in hand. Not only can keys be used as a weapon if necessary, but having your keys out indicates that you're close to your destination, even if you aren't. The illusion makes an attacker question their time frame and could possibly mean the difference between whether they attempt the assault or not.

4.) Have your cell phone close. Though you shouldn't be using the phone, have it close at hand. If there is a situation, you don't need to be fishing

in your bag in order to find your cell phone and call for help.

5.) Don't always take the same route. Though routine is easy, it's also predictable. Students who vary their walks across campus, such as sometimes parking on the north end and sometimes parking on the south end, are harder to watch and follow. If that's not possible, change the side of the street you're walking on occasionally. The less predictable you are, the less likely you'll be followed.

6.) Know where the "blue light" phones are on campus. Emergency phones are going to be the quickest way to get a response if something happens. Know where to find them if there is a situation.

7.) Dress appropriately for the walk. I don't mean that you have to cover yourself up from head to toe: Appropriate dress for pedestrians are clothes that can be easily seen and comfortable shoes. By being visible, students are more likely to attract attention if they are in distress and tennis shoes instead of heels or flip flops could mean the difference between escape and falling down.

8.) If you know you're going to be alone at dark, bring along a flash light. It's not only good for lighting, but it can also be used as a weapon.

9.) Most importantly, trust your instincts. Don't be afraid to contact campus security if you're afraid you could be in a dangerous situation. It allows you to be in contact with someone in case a situation happens before they arrive.

If you have further suggestions, log onto UMWbulletin.com and add your suggestion in the comments section below this article.

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Homemade Treats Make Halloween Less Commercial

BY SARAH KELLY
Guest Columnist

The approach of Halloween brings with it the memories of sights and sounds of the same dark October night of years past. We are taken back to evenings spent trick-or-treating through neighborhood streets, in jovial spirits despite the brazen cold. The black sky seemed to be lit only by the golden glow of jack-o-lanterns and the grey moon overhead. We returned home after our journey content and flushed-cheeked, weighed down by pillowcases filled with treasure.

Halloween remains a magical time. For one night, we are brought out of our modern lives and take part the folklore that remains embedded in our culture. It is not merely another Hallmark holiday, but one fueled by history stemming from ancient Celtic tradition.

The celebration of All Hallow's Eve is wrought with rituals, from trips to the pumpkin patch to horror movie marathons; however, it seems to have been left out of the baking realm.

With Halloween comes all of the wonders that candy can provide, so why not try a hand at making your own? Creating treats from scratch becomes a step away from consumerism: a means to invest significance in this autumnal celebration by way of the kitchen.

If creating homemade confections sounds like a daunting experience, do not fear. Traditional candy-making is essentially a scientific rather than a culinary process, involving expensive thermometers and quite a lot of stress. I have learned from my last fudge-making experience, which resulted in a pan of burnt butter and tears, that this is a pursuit best left for the professionals. I have discovered, however, that there are indeed ways of making much simpler and equally gratifying delicacies from scratch without causing

a single worry. I have included a recipe for a candy treat that I hope will enhance the merriment of this whimsical celebration.

The idea for these chocolate truffle lollipops came from a recipe by Giada De Laurentis from her book "Giada at Home." These pops are little bites of heaven made of rich chocolate ganache centers covered by another layer of melted chocolate and topped with sprinkles. The addition of cinnamon in the chocolate centers adds a sweet hint of the season. I have adapted the recipe to simplify the process, eliminating the need for a double boiler or any other toilsome steps. In fact, the only appliance you will need is a microwave, ideal for the busy college student. The recipe makes about 30 lollipops.

Ingredients:

For the truffles:

1 1/2 cups bittersweet chocolate chips.
1/4 cup of heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon

For the toppings:

1/2 cup bittersweet chocolate chips
Chocolate sprinkles

Place the chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high for 30 seconds to one minute or until melted. Add in the cream slowly while stirring with a spatula. The mixture may appear lumpy at first, but keep stirring for about a minute until it reaches a velvety and smooth texture.

Set in the refrigerator for two hours.

Next, line a large baking tray or plate with parchment paper. Remove the truffle mixture from the fridge. With a teaspoon, create round pieces slightly smaller than a golf ball. Roll the truffles using your hands in order to create perfect spheres. Place the chocolates in rows on the tray, and insert a toothpick into the center of each one. If serving to children, I would suggest using actual lollipop sticks, available at craft stores.

Place the tray back into the fridge for about 10 minutes in order for the pops to solidify. The next step is to prepare the toppings.

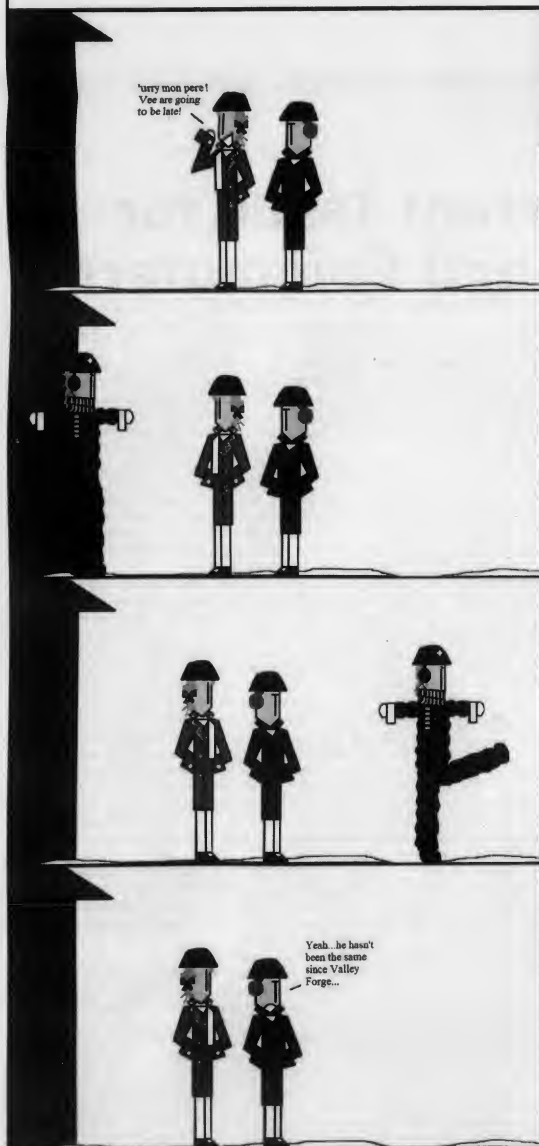
In another bowl, melt the 1/2 cup of chocolate chips in the microwave as before. Set out the melted chocolate, and pour out the chocolate sprinkles into a separate bowl. Dip each lollipop first into the melted chocolate, then into the sprinkles and place back onto the tray. Store the pops in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

You can use your creativity when decorating. The possibilities here are endless; you could dip the truffles in white chocolate for instance, or top with powdered sugar instead of sprinkles. The combination of sophistication and fun in these little lollipops makes them equally at home passed around at a cocktail party or sold at a bake sale. I hope this recipe will be fun to make and perhaps become one of your own autumn traditions. Best wishes for a delightful Halloween.

History 101: Winter

By Lauren Greider

Featuring the Marquis de Lafayette, John Adams, and George Washington



Digital Age Limits Physical Momentos

I spent last Sunday at my grandmother's apartment, digging through piles of wrinkled photographs and yellowing documents for a writing project I'm working on about my family history. My grandmother has compiled a remarkably extensive paper archive of the family records—complete with clipped news articles, drawn silhouettes of my relatives from the early 19th century, and a picture book about a dog that my father drew when he was in the 4th grade.

My grandmother has saved everything, and is impeccably organized. The visit inspired me to go home and tear up my bedroom, looking for all of the notes and photographs I've been saving over past few years. While I was able to dig up some elementary school craft projects and gossip notes from my friends written during 7th grade math class, I couldn't find anything from the past five years.

It hit me that everything from high school on is on my laptop. I've lived on this Earth for over two decades, and the record of my non-digital personal life could fit in a shoe box. And that's including my driver's license and EagleOne card.

Memory, like music, is no longer tangible. The Internet, with all its intentions to keep friends and family "connected," hurts more than helps in assuring legacy.

As I read the fading love letters that grandfather wrote my grandmother when they were courting, I realized all correspondence I've had with boyfriends past and

present is on my Gmail account. All of the recent photos of me are posted on the internet and have never existed on paper. Pretty soon, print journalism will become obsolete, and all of my news clips will be digital. If I were to die tomorrow in a freak accident,

will people have any way of remembering me without typing my name in Google? When I write up my will, will I have to include a clause giving someone access to my email account password? I don't want my grandchildren to think I used that many emoticons in everyday speech.

Part of me wants to print all of my digital records out and make a scrapbook of things I want to be remembered by, in case we have to destroy all the computers in the world because they turned against us. And then there's another part of me that remembers how awful I am at cutting in a straight line.

Looking back on my visit with grandmother, the most interesting part was not going through her old papers, but when we sat in her living room drinking tea, talking and laughing.

Really, it doesn't matter that I haven't been keeping a paper record of my life to supplement the digital one. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in pre-

erving old memories that we forget about making new ones.

The next time I visit my grandmother, it won't be for a school project.



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By Susannah Clark,
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Entertainment

'Uncharted 2' An Instant Classic



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By THOMAS ELLA
Staff Writer

Review

Featuring one of the most exciting single-player adventures I've ever experienced, as well as extremely addictive co-operative and competitive multi-player modes, "Uncharted 2: Among Thieves" is a game that all PlayStation 3 owners need to have.

One of the best aspects of "Uncharted 2" is how likeable its characters are. Nathan Drake deals with situations that go from bad to much, much worse with a nervous laugh and a joke. Whether he's escaping a collapsing building or fighting off a helicopter from on top a moving train, Drake always delivers a one-liner that makes the game that much more enjoyable.

The entire cast does a terrific job with voice acting that is leagues beyond most games. Drake's love triangle with old flame Chloe Frazer and "last year's model," Elena Fisher, from 2007's "Uncharted: Drake's Fortune," simply wouldn't work if they hadn't been played so well. The stellar performances give "Uncharted 2's" story the feeling of a good summer blockbuster movie.

But what keeps "Uncharted 2" so thrilling is the larger-than-life set pieces and impossible odds it constantly throws at Drake. From start to finish, the man takes a ridiculous amount of punishment, but it's all incredibly fun to play. The game's opening tutorial, for instance, starts with Drake, battered and bleeding, barely hanging on to a train car that's precariously dangling over a

snowy cliff. As far as video game tutorials go, that's about as gripping as it gets.

Anytime Nate is doing something completely death defying and stupid, but totally awesome nonetheless, you are in control. There are no cut scenes that seem unfair because they aren't playable. The cut scenes here help move the story along but save all the best action for players to experience themselves.

The story is a modern day Indiana Jones tale that has Nate globetrotting in search of Marco Polo's lost fleet.

Along the way, he'll have to climb buildings, snap necks and shoot a lot of bad men. Think "Gears of War," but replace all the gratuitous, bloody chainsaw deaths with acrobatics and variety. "Uncharted 2" has so much going for it, with over-the-top scenarios, great characters and satisfying gameplay, that I ended up beating the entire single-player campaign in one 10-hour sitting.

What really surprised me, though, was just how good the cooperative and competitive multiplayer modes are. The co-op essentially drops you and two other players into locations from the single-player mode, but with completely new objectives and more enemies. Sharing the experience with other people is really enjoyable and rewarding in its own way.

The competitive multiplayer is fantastic as well, featuring all the standard multiplayer modes like team deathmatch and capture the flag, but because the characters are so nimble, the level design allows for more freedom of movement. Matches really benefit from the verticality of the environments; there's nothing more gratifying than sneaking up behind a sniper, perched on a high ledge, then snapping his neck and watching him fall to the ground.

"Uncharted 2: Among Thieves" is one of the best games to come along in years. It's beyond gorgeous, a blast to play and offers endless entertainment. If you own a PS3, buy this game.

"Uncharted 2: Among Thieves"

Release date: 10/13

★★★★★

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

By RYAN MARR
Staff Writer

For making one of the year's best movies, Spike Jonze, director of "Where the Wild Things Are," sure is going to disappoint a lot of people.

Review

"Wild Things" is not the magnum indie-opus that Arcade Fire-loving hipsters wanted. It's not another "Heart-Breaking Work of Staggering Genius" from screenwriter Dave Eggers either. It's

not even that great an adaptation of Maurice Sendack's beloved children's book. In fact, it's not even a children's movie.

What Jonze did, essentially, was make the rarest of movies in big-budget cinema—he catered a little to everyone, without sacrificing much to anything but the alter of emotional honesty. Marketed wisely to just about

every demographic, "Wild Things" concerns itself primarily with the childish instinct in all age groups to control their insecurities. The relationship between Max and these insecurities, personified by the movie's brilliant characterizations of the Wild Things, culminates in the cathartic construction of a place where they can all live together in peace and harmony.

"It'll only be a place where things you wanted to happen would happen," says Carol, the Wild Thing voiced by James Gandolfini, to Max, their newly crowned king. "And if it doesn't happen, I'll eat my feet off." Throughout the movie's dialogue, Eggers and Jonze attempt to deal with the Wild Thing's insecurities with a simple humor that can be appreciated by kids and adults, alike.

It's just that too frequently the dialogue runs longer than the attention spans of most kids.

For all the criticism that's been leveled at the movie—too dark, too boring, too hip, too contrived—there's one aspect of "Wild Things" that I think everyone can agree on: the visuals are fantastic. If for no other reason, it's worth shucking out nine bucks and some change to see the magic the guys over at Jim Henson's Muppet Shop worked on the big screen.

Despite its brevity, the rumpus scene is just as wildly spectacular as the trailer-seen-round-the-world had everyone hoping it would be. The drawings from the book truly come to life as

well in Jonze's wild, surrealistic re-imaginings of the Wild Things' island, including settings as diverse as the desert, the forest and the ocean.

With the absence of a compelling narrative though, the movie's tension is mostly derived from the Wild Things themselves. Through their interactions with Max, they become both

endearing and unstable, sympathetic and threatening. The Wild Things love harmony as much as they love destruction, and the dilemma that arises between those two poles is wisely left unresolved.

So yes, kids will leave the theater in an emotional state somewhere between scared and confused. And yes, plot-hungry adults will leave bored and wholly unsatisfied. But for college students, who are just old enough to pay credit card bills but still young enough to use those credit cards to buy train tickets home every break, Max's inevitable return to a hot supper after the loss of childhood innocence will ring all too painfully true.

"Where the Wild Things Are"

Release Date: 10/18

Rating: PG

Runtime: 101 mins

★★★★★



Off The RECORD

Lips experiment on double-album to mixed results

By ALEX RICART
Staff Writer

The Flaming Lips are like a secretly homicidal circus clown, performing with fantastic garish exuberance while maintaining a grim disdain for the crowd-pleasing antics they employ.

Review

Since the release of "The Soft Bulletin" in 1999, arguably The Flaming Lips' finest album, fans and critics alike have been waiting for the lethargic dinosaur to rise again and make the music that, for many, defined a decade in experimental, noisy, psychedelic alt-rock. On "Embryonic," the Flaming Lips have dispensed with traditional songwriting and have finally unleashed their desire to kill the listener, or at least stretch the limits of what you thought a Flaming Lips album could be.

"Embryonic" is a sprawling, elaborate album, full of bombast and tension. With a sound reminiscent of Miles Davis' "Bitches Brew," tracks like "Scorpio Sword" and "Convinced of the Hex" contain influences of free jazz exploration. The production quality is overwhelming loud, raw and direct, evoking the feel of an album recorded live in a concrete room.

To fans of recent Lips releases this will be a jarring transition from the overproduction of "At

War with The Mystics" (2006) and "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots" (2002). Synths and organs abound while melodies lurch and stumble with an abrasive ebb and flow, creating a subtle continuity throughout the album. Standout tracks included "Worm Mountain" featuring MGMT and "Watching the Planets" featuring

Karen O. The presence of guest artists focused the wild creativity that went unchecked by the Lips for much of the album.

This is ultimately "Embryonic's" deepest pitfall: tracks frequently meander, and go in and out of focus. While this may have been intentional, it prevents the listener from establishing any rapport with the songs.

The most telling fact about the album is that, among "Embryonic's" 18 tracks, there isn't a commercially viable single. This is not an album for fans of the glitter-cannofiring, pyrotechnic-shooting, ballooning-cascading Flaming Lips. "Embryonic" represents a major shift towards eccentric experimentalism, a move that may alienate

one of the most dedicated fan bases in rock music.

Final verdict: At best, "Embryonic" shows a band in transition. The Flaming Lips have been playing music for 25 years, and any band is going to change over time. While "Embryonic" is overall a lackluster album, it shows a great deal of potential for an exciting new Lips sound.



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"Embryonic"

By: The Flaming Lips
Release date: 10/13

★★★★★

UMW Ecology Club Hosts Film Series

By BRENDAN OUDEKERK
Staff Writer

The UMW Ecology Club and the Rappahannock Group of the Sierra Club will be co-sponsoring a screening of "The 11th Hour" this Thursday, Oct. 29 in Dodd Auditorium. The screening is the first in an ongoing series of environmentally themed films for the club's "Green on the Screen: An Environmental Film Series."

Produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, "The 11th Hour" is a collection of interviews with experts on the subject of global warming. The movie not only presents evidence of the problems that exist, but also explains what has been done so far to prevent further decay of our environment as well as what could be done to slow the effects of environmental damage in the future.

"Green on the Screen: An Environmental Film Series" is designed to promote environmental consciousness for students on campus. The Ecology Club promotes environmental awareness by educating students about the benefits of energy conservation. Co-coordinator of the series and Ecology Club Mentor Senior Laura Pilati emphasized the films

focus on pragmatism.

"Today, all we tend to hear about is the 'Gloom and Doom' aspect of what is happening to our environment. We're hoping to show films that discuss not only the problems, but solutions as well," Pilati said. Pilati also said that President Hample will be attending Thursday's screening.

With the screening of several documentary-style films, students will be given an opportunity to learn about the ecological problems facing our generation and what steps are being taken to improve these conditions.

The series will also include a screening of "King Corn" on Nov. 10 in Lee Hall. In "King Corn," a comic twist is given to the American phenomenon of corn being used in a vast amount of food and other products produced across the country. Two friends attempt to gain a foothold in the corn industry and are surprised by what they find their new crop

goes into producing.

Both films will be shown open to all students and free of charge. Doors for "The 11th Hour" open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7. Visit the Ecology Club website www.ecoclub.umw-blogs.org/ for more details.

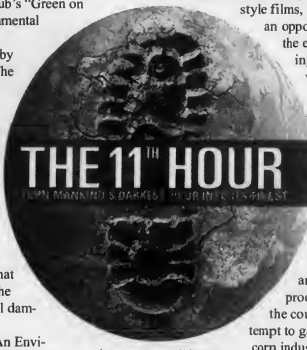


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"The 11th Hour" will screen in Dodd Auditorium this Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.



'Reckless' Resonates With Audiences

By **HEATHER BRADY**
Staff Writer

The black-box Studio 115 was the perfect performance space for "Reckless," the department of theatre and dance's most recent play, when its dark and twisted plot is taken into account.

From a woman who flees her home on Christmas Eve after her husband reveals his plans to have a hit man kill her, to almost every kind of stereotypical therapy session invented in the 20th century, the play's many hallucinogenic charms worked very well in an environment that was confined and, well, black.

"Reckless" showcased many actors that were cast exceptionally well into roles that they seemed to truly understand. Senior Maggie Bausch's interpretation of Rachel, the chatty, slightly neurotic and psychologically damaged female protagonist, emphasized the play's darkly comedic quality.

Sophomore Carly Maalouf's portrayal of Poety, a woman that pretends to be a deaf paraplegic to maintain her relationship with her husband, is also fully believable, which makes her accidental self-revelation later in the play as a fraud that much more shocking to both Rachel and the audience watching the scene play out.



image courtesy of the Theatre Department

Seniors Jean Marie Hufford and Dana Maas' perfectly depicted roles as the various therapists Rachel sees throughout the play range from the normal to the humorous to the downright weird and uncomfortable, putting the audience directly into Rachel's shoes. It reaches a point where watching the play can almost feel like a therapy session in and of itself.

The sparse set and props used in the play accentuated the modern, yet fantastical feel of the plot. Because the props were simple—three wooden chairs, two raised black platforms, two pillows, a small Christmas tree off to the side—"Reckless" gave off the feeling that it could have taken place anywhere, including in reality—a scary thought for those who like a defined sense of personal identity.

Short scenes separated by subtle lighting changes and small set shifts also created a sense of forward motion within the play and held the audience's interest from the very beginning to the final scene.

Even though the play moved quickly, it drew audience members in with the exchange between characters that highlighted universal human truths—truths that resonate with every person who has ever desired to find security and self-knowledge.

Cross-Dressing Scores Big at Lip Sync Contest

By **DAVE GALLAGHER**
Staff Writer

Class Council's 12th Annual Lip Sync Contest was Tuesday night and was, as always, chock full of gyrations, pelvic thrusting and guys wearing dresses. The acts were judged on their lip sync accuracy, costumes, choreography originality and audience response.

Hosted by sophomore Anders Coe, the show was judged by a panel made up of sophomore Aaron McPherson, seniors Brad Efford and Caitlin Paris, Professor Chad Murphy and Associate Director of Student Activities Christina Eggenberger and Vice President for Student Affairs Doug Searcy. The blue ribbon and \$400 in prize money went to the most deserving group, "Sexual Chocolate."

Made up of five young ladies dressed up as what appeared to be old men, the quintet seduced Dodd Auditorium with their impeccable dancing to songs like "Wild Thing," "Brick House," "Sugarlumps" and other sexually charged hits. The quintet was led by the hilarious groovy moves of freshman Taylor Poindexter.

Second place was awarded to "Dr. Pepper & Lil' Somethin' Somethin'," a duo who led the audience through fairly detailed account of a budding relationship between sophomores Liz Bradley and Chris Velluci through short snippets of over 20 songs. Other highlights were Hassan Abdelhalim and Anders Coe's lengthy passing of the lip sync torch, and "The Brobots" rendition of "Party and Bullshit/Party in the USA."

Thanks to Class Council for always hosting this entertaining event.



Freshmen Abi Candler, Taylor Poindexter and Mary Beth Moody, along with sophomore Mary Nannery, perform as "Sexual Chocolate," winners of this year's Lip Sync Contest.



Bullet Points

Thursday, October 22

• Baseball fans can get their fix when the Underground shows Game 2 of the World Series at 7:30 p.m.

• The Ecology Club screens "The 11th Hour" at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium as part of its "Environmental Film Series."

• Impress the campus with your jack-o'-lantern skills when Sodexo hosts their Pumpkin Carving contest in Ball Circle from 3 - 5 p.m. Rain location in the Dome Room at Seacobeck Hall.

• To celebrate Halloween, The Orpheum Film Club screens Swedish vampire flick "Let the Right One In" at 9 p.m. and the original Vincent Price version of "The House on Haunted Hill" at 11 p.m. Both screenings will be in Combs 139.

• DJ Dance Party at the Underground kicks off at 9 p.m.

• Class of 2013 Dance Party starts at the Underground at 10 p.m.

Friday, October 23

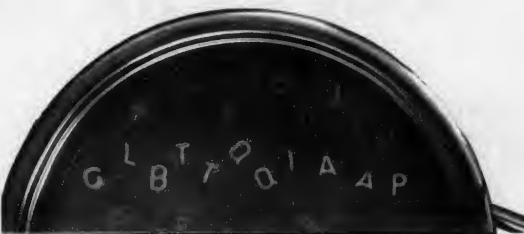
• Can't sing? Always wanted to belt out "Monster Mash" in front of a large crowd of people? For those interested, the Underground hosts "Scary-oke" at 9 p.m.

• Get into the Halloween spirit by putting on a costume and heading over to the Great Hall for "Halloweens!" presented by Class Council. The event features music, candy, prizes, and other Halloween games as well as a contest with \$400. Worth of gift card prizes to places such as Tropical Smoothie and the movie theater.

• As if "Scary-oke" wasn't already terrifying enough, Cheap Seats will be hosting a haunted maze in the Wash Room from 8-11 p.m.

HALLOWEEN EDITION

PRISM Hosts Open-Minded, Alphabet Soup Friendly Prom



By **EMMA MAX**
Staff Writer

"Who's in the Soup: Understanding the GLBTQIAAP Community" Cultural Awareness Week will conclude this Saturday, Oct. 31 when PRISM throws its first "prom."

Unlike a typical campus dance, PRISM's goal is to create a safe and comfortable environment so that everyone can have the prom experience they want and deserve.

The black tie affair is the perfect kickoff to Halloween. The prom is early so that everyone can come dressed in his or her best and vote for prom king and queen before throwing on costumes and celebrating Halloween.

"Most people in PRISM didn't have a prom in high school because they didn't feel comfortable going. So this is a fun opportunity to dress up and dance," says PRISM Social Chair Caroline Ebrill.

The dance, which will include prom staples like pictures, dancing and food, will take place from 8-11 p.m. in the Great Hall. Tickets are \$2. E-mail unwprism@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, October 24

• Looking for a few extra scares this Halloween? The Underground will be screening "A Nightmare on Elm Street" at 7 p.m. and "The Shining" at 9 p.m.

• PRISM's first prom takes place in the Great Hall from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$2 (see inset).

Sunday, October 25

• All-day sports coverage goes down in the Underground. NFL footballs kicks off with Denver at Baltimore at 1 p.m., Jacksonville at Tenn. at 4 p.m., Carolina at Arizona at 4:15 p.m. World Series Baseball starts at 8 p.m.

Monday, October 26

• Everyone's favorite Bingo night starts at the Underground at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27

• Alisa Turner brings her Michelle Branch-inspired vocal stylings to the Underground at 8 p.m.

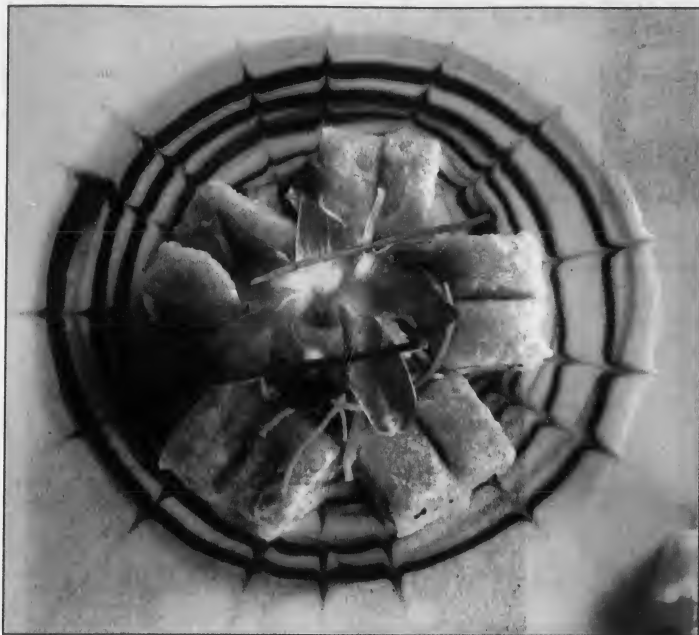
• Mary Washington staples the Like White-overs perform at University Café with Elby Brass at 8:30 p.m. Cover is \$3 for those under 21, free for 21+.

Wednesday, October 17

• Celebrity Tin Chef featuring Dean Rucker and Chris Porter starts in the Underground at 8 p.m. Student competition will follow. Interested chefs should sign up in OSACS.

Features

Umi Mixes Food with Art



Photos by Katelyn Hill

(Left) The Spider Web Roll. (Above) The Lobster Special. (Right) Jonathon Chen, one of the owners and chefs of Fredericksburg's new Japanese restaurant Umi is hard at work preparing one of the establishment's artful dishes.

By **ASHLEY JACOBY**
Staff Writer

Umi, the new restaurant located adjacent to the Greyhound and Fred Bus Station, has a very simple and unassuming exterior. Those who drive up and down Jefferson Davis Highway would be surprised if they knew just how delicious the cuisine is at this Japanese restaurant.

My roommate and I decided to try out this new restaurant, so conveniently close to the college, in the middle of the afternoon on a Monday. There were a few people waiting to pick up take-out orders, but we were the only diners. The chefs and wait staff were so friendly and welcoming to us that we felt at home within moments of walking in.

Jonathan Chen and Sony Gao just moved to Fredericksburg from New York City. They have a Umi restaurant

in North Carolina, and just opened this location three months ago.

They are both from China but enjoy preparing Japanese cuisine. Sony Gao likes making sushi because of its art form. He also enjoys preparing seafood, "I grew up on the islands and have always enjoyed cooking fish".

We ordered Miso Soup as an appetizer, and it was extremely tasty. Not too heavy and with just the right amount of tofu blocks (unlike some restaurants which short change you with the pieces of tofu).

They then brought out a beautiful spicy crab salad, which is the most popular on their salad list. The salad was bright and had ample amounts of crabmeat and cost only \$5.

Next they brought us "shumai", which is under their hot appetizer list. It contains steamed pork with a cherry tomato and barley garnish. The sauce that you dip the "shumai" in looks like soy sauce but has a lighter taste to it. It

does not overpower the appetizer at all, just provides a soft flavor to accompany the pork.

The soft shell crab (hot appetizer) was deep fried with a ponzu sauce. Again, the sauce did not overpower the appetizer but simply enhanced the taste of the soft shell crab. The appetizer, too, had a cherry tomato and barley garnish that gave the light colored crab some bright color to it. Unlike some fried foods, this appetizer left you wanting more!

The Chef's Special Rolls includes an absolutely breathtaking Spider Web Roll. These entrees are little pricey and almost too beautiful to eat. It consists of soft shell crab, mango, spicy tuna, and tobiko, with a special sauce. Around the pieces of sushi, the chef's created a spider web with different colors of drizzled sauces. An orchid is laid on top of the sushi to produce an intense colorful effect.

The chefs were generous enough to

prepare one of their main entrees for us, the Chilean sea bass. The steamed sea bass fillet with ginger, scallions and mixed vegetables in black bean sauce was incredible. Along with a small bowl of rice, this entree is enough to satisfy anyone with a large appetite. The vegetables were the perfect consistency and were not soggy because of the sauce.

Our last treat was the lobster special, which is not on the menu. It was lobster sushi with a delicious sweet, cream-like sauce drizzled on top of the sushi and around it. Extremely tasty and presented beautifully.

Unfortunately for us, we had eaten a lot and wondered how we were going to survive dessert!

They brought us a fried banana for dessert, with whipped cream and chocolate sauce in a cross pattern on the plate, for one to use as a dip. Sadly we were not able to finish this scrumptious dessert because we had had so

much of their wonderful food earlier.

By the time we finished this great meal, the restaurant was beginning to fill up.

Maria Davis, a member of the Fredericksburg community commented that, "The food is fabulous and the service is spectacular!" She recommends Umi for families because of the wide variety of the food.

She also claimed that the, "Food is a work of art" and that Gao and Chen are "artists".

They truly are and incredibly friendly and warm to their customers.

A bonus for Mary Washington students is that if you bring your student ID, you receive a 10 percent discount on whatever you order.

The prices are fair, the sushi and entree list extensive, and the service is sociable.

Better get there early on a Friday or Saturday night—this new restaurant is going to be crowded.

Annual Ghost Walk Begins

Historic Preservation Club participated in their 25th annual Ghost Walk on Oct. 23 and 24.



Photo by Helena Schmidt

By **HELENA SCHMIDT**
Staff Writer

On Oct. 23 and 24 the University of Mary Washington Historic Preservation Club hosted its 25th annual Ghost Walk in downtown Fredericksburg.

From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, tour groups left every 10 minutes from Market Square in Old Town Fredericksburg.

Each of the haunting walks lasted for an hour and a half as groups were taken to 11 different stops along historic streets.

Students from the UMW Historic Preservation Club hosted the event, led tour groups, acted out parts, sold tickets and T-shirts and handed out goodies such as cookies, candy, apple cider and hot chocolate.

Besides the Historic Preservation Club members, members of the Fencing Club and Theater Department donned fantastic costumes, ghostly makeup, swords and performed roles in front of each tour group.

Senior Rebecca Pomerantz, a four-year veteran of the Ghost Walk and a member of the Historic Preservation Club, said, "Every year is a different experience, because new sites are added and less popular ones are taken away."

The changing of stops along the tour is very important to make sure that each year the tours are "never the same, since they are always changing," Pomerantz said.

After going to the Ghost Walk last year, Victoria Yale enjoyed it and decided to become a

tour guide for this year's event.

"[Fredericksburg] seems to be full of excitement tonight, so hopefully we will get to encounter some of these ghosts that used to call this place home," Yale said as the tour was about to start.

Yale led her group along the glowing side-walks of Fredericksburg and across busy streets from one haunting site to the next.

The first stop was the Hugh Mercer Apothecary shop, where the group encountered the ghost of Hugh Mercer. After performing an amputation on a sick patient he warned, "This evening has been full of mishaps" and that if the group encountered anything unusual he would "be here all night with my bone saw."

Moving on, the tour stopped in front of the Smithsonian, a house downtown where as Yale said that many unexplained events have occurred, including the disturbing appearance of a headless blue lady. Not long after Yale finished speaking, the ghostly figure herself made an appearance, causing the group to move along rapidly to the next site.

Across from the Free-Lance Star building, Yale and her group met Lin Franklin.

Franklin told the story of a Native American named Katina, who still continued to tuck the children in at night, even though she has been dead for many years.

Upon reaching Kenmore Plantation, Yale and her group discovered a séance hosted by Grace Walker to summon the restless spirit of Fielding Lewis, because of extraordinary things that have

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Elsie Godin, a junior history major poses in Market Square in costume.

During the tours, Godin sat hauntingly in a graveyard as the groups walked past.

Features

Stein Visits Forum

By JORDAN KROLL
Staff Writer

Nearly every seat in Dodd Auditorium was full on Tuesday, Oct. 20, as economist and actor Ben Stein spoke about the current state of the country's economy as part of the Fredericksburg Forum.

"I want this to be your take away," he said to the crowd of UMW students and Fredericksburg residents, "All recessions have this in common: they end."

Local economist Judy Shelton, a contributing writer for the *Wall Street Journal*, hosted the event.

Shelton introduced Stein as a "national treasure" and a "true American original."

Stein infused humor into an otherwise bleak topic.

When he wasn't speaking, the audience was laughing hysterically or applauding. There was rarely a silent moment during the hour and a half that Stein was speaking and answering questions.

Early in the lecture, Stein professed his love for the city of Fredericksburg

and UMW, telling the audience that during his short visit "you've made me feel like part of your Mary Washington family."

"I thought Stein's lecture was very funny and very heart felt, at the extremes," says junior Hannah Miller.

He discussed everything from the "heroic measures" it will take to rescue the economy to his experience on his short-lived VH1 show *America's Most Smartest Model*.

Stein proved that he knows what he's talking about early on, yet he explained even the most complicated ideas in a colloquial manner. Some of the most interesting aspects of the speech were when he was talking about life after college for upcoming graduates.

Stein elected to go the honest route, stating "The situation is extremely challenging [...] there are no jobs out there unless you're going to work for your parents or the government."

However, he ended on a more optimistic note. "We will get out of this. We always do," he said.

According to Stein, two of the many problems the government faces as it tries to rebuild the economy are a

shortage in consumer confidence and the irresponsible behavior of the very people who are supposed to be solving the problem.

He made a plea for the "responsible sector of the public," asking "Where are the grownups?"

Stein ended his actual speech with John F. Kennedy's quotation, "God's work is our work," and then took questions from the audience.

The audience's questions covered everything from the motivation behind Stein's personal ideology to a request for him to reenact his famous scene from "Ferris Beuller's Day Off," which he did without hesitation.

Throughout his speech, Stein also made sure to define the difference between celebrities and "real stars."

"The real stars are the military, police, firefighters, teachers, and parents. Salvation of the country will come from the heart of America," he said.

His patriotism and love for America was illustrated in nearly everything he said. When asked what his biggest fear for the country is, Stein said he was afraid that "We'll forget we have the best society there's ever been."



Photo courtesy of umw.edu

Ben Stein graced the Fredericksburg Forum on Tuesday Oct. 20.

The Ghosts Come Alive Downtown

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been happening at the site as of late.

Walker borrowed two members of the group, and together they summoned the spirit of Lewis, who was not so happy at having been called.

"Go away and leave me alone," is the message the ghost had for Walker, leaving her to take in this message as Yale led her group on.

At the home of Mary Washington, the group was told a little history concerning Washington and her house. But before long, the group was startled at the sound of snapping branches as the ghost of Washington appeared.

"Let's push on to our next stop," Yale said as she led the group away from Washington and her home.

Arriving at the Pinkadilly tea house, the group found two ladies sitting out front waiting for the waiter to show up. Not long after he appeared to take their orders, a ghostly woman followed.

"I like to be called the woman of the night" she said, and then proceeded to chase the waiter out of sight.

"O my goodness, the crumpets are not worth this much," screamed one of

the ladies as they ran off in a different direction.

Upon reaching the next site, the old Wheeler house, the group was confronted by two drunken cooks. After much arguing mixed with storytelling, the group learned these two were the ghosts of the people believed to have started the great fire of 1807. According to Yale, the fire destroyed most of the town, including the Wheeler house.

The next site on the tour was a home where a lady was sweeping the sidewalk. As she talked to Yale, a gruesome ghost appeared with a bullet hole in the side of his face.

"That's Yip," the lady said, "Yip was [slang for] a Yankee back in the Civil War. He was hiding out in this house here when the hand to hand



Photo by Helena Schmidt

A seance to summon the spirit of Fielding Lewis in front of Kenmore Plantation.

combat broke out; a bullet went right through this kitchen door and killed him where he stood."

Yale helped the lady to rid the house of him and then she led the group on.

At the James Monroe Museum, the

tour stopped to listen to Yale as she told a little of its background and of its recent ghostly sighting.

"One day as the director was walking to work he saw two men wildly arguing in front of the museum... he believes they were none other than Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe," said Yale.

After their introduction, the ghosts of Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe appeared and started wildly arguing while sword fighting. This comical and thrilling display soon ended and they decided to further discuss their argument over a glass of brandy.

Moving next door to the Masonic Cemetery, the tour took a turn from "moderately creepy" as Pomerantz called it, to slightly spooky.

Yale led the group into the graveyard and was talking about those buried there when several ghosts surrounded the group, causing a few observers to scream out in surprise.

As the ghosts circled the group, one said, "No one is buried here," while another said, "They build a store over our bodies and moved our headstones here."

As the ghosts continued to hover around the group Yale led them out of the graveyard and on to the next and final site.

The old Presbyterian Church was the final stop of the haunted evening. There, Yale informed the group that the church was used as a Civil War federal hospital.

Many pews were removed to make coffins for the dead soldiers.

The ghost of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was seen attending to wounded soldiers in front of the church.

After the group left Barton to tend to the soldiers, Yale announced that the tour was over until next year.

Oatmeal Apple Pie: The College-Friendly Version

Dorm Dining

With Beverly Scholnick

This college-kitchen friendly version of a classic confection combines two great American sweets into one irresistible dessert using only five ingredients.

Ingredients:

9 small or medium Empire apples (or any other crisp, sweet apple)
1 1/2 cups butter (softened)
1 Tbs water

17.5 oz Package Betty Crocker Oatmeal Cookie Mix
Cinnamon

Number of Servings: 6

Average Price Per Serving: \$1.50

Pie Crust-

1. Preheat oven to 350°
2. Combine cookie mix with water and one cup of butter (one stick) in a mixing bowl as directed
DO NOT add an egg as the package instructs
3. Press into an ungreased pie plate, spreading it evenly around the bottom and sides
4. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes
5. Remove pie crust from oven and allow to cool. The crust will have puffed up in the oven but will become denser as it cools



The Betty Crocker cookie mix takes the stress out of making the pie crust.

Pie Filling-

1. Cut apples into slices 1/8-1/4 inch thick
2. Score the skins of the apples by slicing through the skin every 1/2 inch
3. Cut apple slices into pieces, 1-2 inches across.
4. Melt 1/2 tbs butter in a frying pan
5. Add enough apples to cover the bottom of the pan, about one cup. Cook over medium heat for 3-5 minutes, or until soft, stirring occasionally.
6. Pour the cooked apples into the pie crust and sprinkle with cinnamon. Cover with a plate to keep the pie warm.
7. Repeat steps 4-6 with the rest of the apples

News

Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY
Staff Writer

Regional

Today brings great news for lovers of American heritage. Congressional conferees have agreed to the nation's largest-ever, one-year appropriation for battlefield protection. House and Senate members have included \$9 million for preservation projects across America in the fiscal 2010 Interior Appropriations Act conference report, sources in Washington report this afternoon. The conference report, due for a final vote in both chambers later this week, designates the money for the U.S. Department of the Interior's American Battlefield Preservation Program. Created in 1990 in the wake of development controversies at Virginia's Manassas battlefield, the program matches government and private funds to protect Civil War battle sites throughout the nation. (The Free Lance-Star, Oct. 28; www.fredericksburg.com)

National

In a blow for commuters, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge was closed on Tuesday night after a recently repaired section of the bridge broke loose, damaging three cars and injuring one person. Transit officials scrambled Wednesday to assess the damage, but initial indications were that the bridge, a critical byway that connects San Francisco with populous suburbs to the east, would be closed indefinitely. "Too many things would have to happen before we could say with any confidence when we could reopen it," said Robert Haus, a spokesman with the California Department of Transportation. Over Labor Day weekend, two steel rods and a two-and-a-half-ton steel beam were installed to fix a crack in a steel link known as an eyebar. The crack was discovered by engineers during a planned seismic rebuilding project. At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, those rods and the beam snapped and fell into rush hour traffic. (The New York Times, Oct. 28; www.nytimes.com)

Global

The arrival of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in Pakistan was overshadowed Wednesday by a devastating car bomb that tore through a market in the northwest city of Peshawar, an attack aimed at civilians and marking a clear escalation in the Taliban campaign to undermine the government. The bomb tore through a congested area of narrow alleys and crowded stalls in Peshawar's old city, killing as many as 101 people, most of them women, and wounding about 160. A Pakistani official, who did not want to be identified, described it as the most serious in the history of a city that has become a frontline of Taliban terrorist attacks in recent weeks. This was the most deadly by far. The explosion came about three hours after Mrs. Clinton arrived in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, a two-hour drive away, underscoring the challenges facing American officials in a nation where many blame United States policy for roiling the region since 9/11. Mrs. Clinton was in closed-door meetings with senior government officials in Islamabad at the time of the explosion in Peshawar. "These attacks on innocent people are cowardly; they are not courageous, they are cowardly," she declared later. (The New York Times, Oct. 28; www.nytimes.com)

Senators Propose Campaign Reform

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against Dolan in last year's Honor Council election, was wary of the Constitutional Order Committee's proposals.

"ERP's role is in no way complicated by online videos and Facebook," Martin said. "Why on earth would you want a constitution that micromanages things like the number of videos someone can put on Facebook? Why would you want to limit that in any way?"

Martin went on to affirm that the real problem facing SGA was the lack of connection with the student body, a problem he doesn't feel will be addressed with the proposals.

"The truth is we need more ideas and outreach to students in our elections, not less," he said. "Students have no idea how it all works, and that's because we don't have enough outreach, so curtailing what we already do isn't a good idea."

Despite the criticism, Dolan was

adamant that the proposals the committee is going to introduce are necessary.

"It's our job to look at the constitution to foresee any possibly problems, and amend them," Dolan said. "I think this past election has highlighted how our processes could be more efficient and the regulations guarding elections could be more specific."

The Constitutional Order Committee will bring their motions before the Student Senate in the next three weeks, where the legislative body will then vote to either incorporate or discard the proposed amendments to the SGA Constitution.

Center Will Have Digital Archives

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versity, as well as containing digital media production facilities. These facilities, as described by the capital outlay plan, will be used to produce high-quality video and audio information resources.

Workspaces in the center will be designed for collaboration that will allow audiences to view multi-media presentations and high-quality video conferencing sessions.

Currently, no plans for hours of operation or restricted use have been published concerning the Convergence Center.

However, not all students feel that the center would be beneficial.

"If the technology center has the same hours as the labs around campus, I don't

think it's necessary," senior Mike Dennie said.

Before construction of the Convergence Center begins, the Report to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee designated improvements to be made on the library.

"The University of Mary Washington should create physical spaces within existing library facilities to support collaborative study, learning and research between students," the report stated.

The report added that while these physical spaces may eventually exist in the convergence center, delays in building it that could be caused by construction and budget problems should not prevent the creation of a "vibrant and robust learning center" in the library and with current academic technologies.

Health Center Sees Increase in H1N1 Flu

Due to manufacturing problems, UMW has not received vaccine to prevent further spread of virus

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place," Perugini said.

Perugini started feeling sick Saturday evening, Oct. 24 and went to the Health Center the following Monday morning.

"There wasn't a line, and [the Health Center employees] were very good about everything," Perugini said. "They did make you wear a mask in the waiting room, making you feel like you had the plague. But they had bought a prescription of Tessaon Perles that they gave me for free, as well as Sudafed for my headache."

Perugini's roommate, sophomore Alaina Esposito, said she only waited in the Health Center for five minutes before being seen. Within two minutes of talking with a nurse, Esposito said she was diagnosed with swine flu.

"The nurse told me I had classic symptoms of swine flu," Esposito said, "and that there was no need for her to test me because the test would have cost me extra money, it's not 100 percent accurate, and they will treat me the same way even if it was negative."

Esposito added that the day she was diagnosed with the flu, Friday Oct. 23, the nurse told her that the Health Center had seen about 200 students that week, 100 of which were diagnosed cases of swine flu.

Riley confirmed the dramatic increase in the number of students the Health Center has experienced recently. "We are seeing more visits in the [Health Center] now, for all reasons including the flu, than during any time in the last two and a half years that I have been here," Riley said.

According to Riley, the flu symptoms students are experiencing now

aren't any worse than what he usually sees during the "seasonal flu epidemic" that students experience each year.

"What is different is the number of cases and the time of year," Riley said. "More people are susceptible to this flu so we are seeing more, but not worse, cases than the seasonal flu."

"October is an unusual month for a flu outbreak," he added. "Usually the epidemic is in January or February, so we may have another outbreak with the seasonal flu later this winter."

Both Esposito and Perugini stayed on campus and chose to self-isolate, instead of going home to recover.

The nurse at the health center recommended that I go home, but I decided to stay at school because I did not want to get my whole family sick," Esposito said. "From Friday until Monday, I stayed in my room. The only person who I knowingly spread it to

was my roommate."

"I live over 200 miles away in New Jersey, and my roommate had already had the flu, so [there was] no point in leaving," Perugini said.

"People always treat you differently when you are sick," Esposito said of the experience. "They don't want to get too close for fear of catching it themselves."

Esposito has found humor in the experience, however.

"Someone wrote 'Oink Oink' all over my dry erase board and tied a face mask from the Health Center onto my doorknob," Esposito said. "This probably freaked my neighbors out...My healthy friends never came to visit while I was sick, but my other sick friends would come over and play N64 with my roommate and I. We called these 'invalid parties.'"

"My room has become a haven for sick people," Perugini said. "We had two swine flu victims, a strep throat, and someone with a chest cold all playing Mario Kart in here."

"Other universities and colleges around the country have been having surges of the flu," Riley said. "It was only a matter of time before the epidemic hit UMW, so we have been waiting for it."

UMW has not received the swine flu vaccine yet from the federal government, according to Riley.

"There have been manufacturing difficulties limiting the supply and we do not know when the vaccine will be available," Riley said. "The problem is at the manufacturers' level, not the federal or state government."

The federal government has ordered the vaccine, Riley said. It will be free to students when it arrives.

Attention all clubs:

The Yearbook staff will be taking pictures of all clubs in the Great Hall and Meeting Room 1 on Nov. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. If you would like your club to be in the 2009-2010 Yearbook, please e-mail battlefieldybkb@gmail.com to schedule an appointment time.

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What's Up In Campus Dining?



Get To Know Us!

Meet Director of Operations Mike Johnson



Mike Johnson joined our UMW campus dining team this Fall as Director of Operations, and you would be hard-pressed to find someone with Mike's breadth and depth of experience. He began his career as a member of Special Forces with the Marine Corps, until an injury led him to transfer to the Corps' food management team, where he won the "Best Mess Hall World Wide" award twice! Later he served as General Manager for the U.S. Senate Restaurants, Director of Operations for Campus Dining at George Mason University, and owner of his own restaurant at Lake Anna. Recognizing the critical importance and value of investing in employees, Mike will be focusing on staff training and team building, as well as on ensuring that we continue to provide all of our guests with top-notch food and service. Mike wants everyone to know that he is another resource for you in the event you have questions or suggestions for campus dining. Don't hesitate to call! 654-1928.

You Talked! We Listened!

These are just a few of the ways we have responded to comments you shared with us at the recent residence hall meetings:

- Now putting Lettuce, Tomato, and some condiments on the side of sandwiches & wraps at the Underground!
- Brought Potato Bowls back to Seacobeck!
- Added a Breakfast Line for Sunday Brunch!
- Added Butter to the Bistro Bread Bar!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 29:** Pumpkin Carving Contest! 3 PM - 5 PM in Ball Circle. Free Hot Cider And Snacks... while supplies last! (Rain location: Dome Room at Seacobeck). Come join the fun! If you didn't sign up for a pumpkin but would like to carve, check in with us at 3:15 PM to see if we have unclaimed pumpkins!
- October 30:** Costume Contest! All Day at the Eagle's Nest! Come to the Eagle's Nest in costume & enter the contest. First Prize: \$25 Target Gift Card. Second Prize: Hot Wing Platter. Third Prize: Large 3 Topping Pizza.
- October 31 & November 2:** Discovery Days!! - We will have hundreds of visitors joining us for brunch and lunch at Seacobeck. To avoid crowds, eat early or try the Nest and the Underground.
- November 2-6:** Jewish Cultural Heritage Features at Seacobeck!
- November 5:** Native American Heritage Features in the Washington Diner.
- November 7:** Helping Hands Across America - Neighborhood Bag Distribution. 1 - 3 PM
Volunteers Needed! Help us distribute food collection bags to area homes! Contact Rose Benedict at rbenedic@umw.edu if you would like to help.

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Sports



Heisman Race Heating Up

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240 yards in one game, a 24-21 victory against Purdue when he was 15-26 for 171 yards, a touchdown and a pick. He rebounded the next week to throw for an astounding 422 yards and two touchdowns against the Washington Huskies. The two Notre Dame losses have come against tough opponents (Michigan and USC), and in these games, Clausen threw a combined 596 yards, five TD and zero interceptions.

Colt McCoy is another strong candidate, having led the Texas Longhorns to a perfect 7-0 record on the strength of 258 yards and two touchdowns per game. Past tradition has favored big-name, big-school quarterbacks, so if McCoy can keep up the strong numbers, he could see himself

hoisting the trophy and leading his team to the National Championship in January. However, the Longhorns face potential trip-ups the rest of the way, with games against 14th-ranked Oklahoma State, a Kansas squad that is 5-2 on the season, and Texas A&M who despite a rough 4-3 record, are always sure to play competitively against their in-state rival. If the Longhorns can hold on the rest of the way, McCoy will be a definite favorite for the trophy.

Ingram, the Crimson Tide running back, makes a case for himself due to averaging a touchdown game against always dominant SEC defenses. Last week's win over Tennessee was his first game without crossing the end zone, but Ingram still managed to run for 99 yards on 18 carries, a 5.5-yard average. If the award is going to go to a running back this season, Ingram has it on a lock, helping his case with 186 receiving yards and three receiving touchdowns. Still, Alabama's questionable number-two ranking might hurt his case in the long run, especially if the Tide falters down the stretch.

Keenum is the final candidate, and seen to be the dark horse. Sure, he's thrown an average of

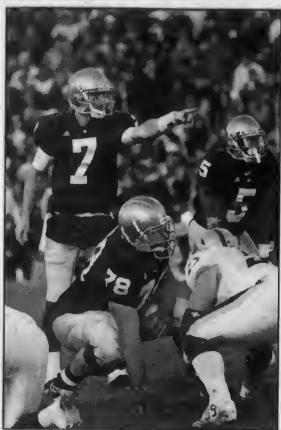
roughly 390 yards and 3 touchdowns per game. Sure, in a losing effort to UTEP, he threw for 536 yards and 5 scores, despite being beaten 58-41. However, the Houston Cougars play in Conference-USA, home to legendarily bad football. Even the loss came to a team that is 3-4 on the season. Despite sexy numbers and a seductively easy schedule the rest of the way, Keenum is one Cougar that will be left at the bar when the night is over.

A lot could happen between now and the Heisman presentation in December, but as the season stands, this is how it looks. Keep your eye on these four names, but always be vigilant of BCS-busters, injuries and other factors that might trip up the favorites.



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Boise State and head coach Chris Peterson are ranked seventh in the latest BCS standings and if the Broncos run the table they are in position to crash the BCS.



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Interested in sports writing? Contact Zach Moretti at zmoretti@mail.umw.edu

Notre Dame QB Jimmy Clausen (left) has become a legitimate Heisman candidate for the Fighting Irish.

Fantasy Football Corner

By ZACH MORETTI
Sports Editor

Start Em:

QB- Jay Cutler (Bears)
RB- Kevin Smith (Lions)

RB- Marshawn Lynch (Bills)
WR- Miles Austin (Cowboys)
WR- Mike Sims-Walker (Jaguars)
TE- Greg Olsen (Bears)
K- Robbie Gould (Bears)
DEF- Dallas Cowboys

Sit Em:

QB- Matt Schaub (Texans)
RB- Pierre Thomas (Saints)
RB- LaDainian Tomlinson (Chargers)
WR- Derrick Mason (Ravens)
WR- Vincent Jackson (Chargers)
TE- John Carlson (Seahawks)
K- David Akers (Eagles)
DEF- New York Jets

Add Em:

RB- Shonn Greene (Jets)
RB- LeSean McCoy (Eagles)
WR- Michael Crabtree (49ers)
WR- Anthony Gonzalez (Colts)
TE- Tony Scheffler (Broncos)
DEF- Arizona Cardinals

Last Weeks Results: 11-7

Overall Record: 56-47

NFL Games of the Week:

New York Giants vs. Philadelphia Eagles (1:00 p.m. on FOX)
Minnesota Vikings vs. Green Bay Packers (4:15 p.m. on FOX)
Atlanta Falcons vs. New Orleans Saints (8:30 p.m. on ESPN)

NBA Preview

By ZACH MORETTI
Sports Editor

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division:

- 1) Boston Celtics
- 2) Philadelphia 76ers
- 3) Toronto Raptors
- 4) New York Knicks
- 5) New Jersey Nets

Central Division:

- 1) Cleveland Cavaliers
- 2) Chicago Bulls
- 3) Detroit Pistons
- 4) Indiana Pacers
- 5) Milwaukee Bucks

Southeast Division:

- 1) Orlando Magic
- 2) Atlanta Hawks
- 3) Miami Heat
- 4) Washington Wizards
- 5) Charlotte Bobcats

Western Conference

Northwest Division:

- 1) Utah Jazz
- 2) Denver Nuggets
- 3) Portland Trailblazers
- 4) Oklahoma City Thunder
- 5) Minnesota Timberwolves

Pacific Division:

- 1) Los Angeles Lakers
- 2) Los Angeles Clippers
- 3) Phoenix Suns
- 4) Golden State Warriors
- 5) Sacramento Kings

Southwest Division:

- 1) San Antonio Spurs
- 2) New Orleans Hornets
- 3) Dallas Mavericks
- 4) Houston Rockets
- 5) Memphis Grizzlies

Playoff Predictions

Round 1

East:
(1) Cavaliers

over (8) 76ers
(2) Celtics over (7) Wizards
(3) Magic over (6) Heat
(5) Bulls over (4) Hawks

West:
(1) Spurs over (8) Clippers
(2) Lakers over (7) Trailblazers
(6) Hornets over (3) Jazz
(4) Mavericks over (5) Nuggets

Round 2

East:
(1) Cavaliers over (5) Bulls
(2) Celtics over (3) Magic

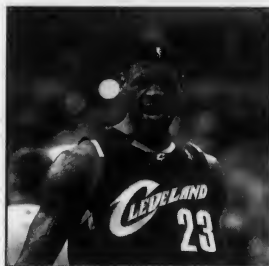
West:
(1) Spurs over (4) Mavericks
(2) Lakers over (6) Hornets

Conference Championships

East: (1) Cavaliers over (2) Celtics

West: (1) Spurs over (2) Lakers

NBA Finals: Spurs over Cavaliers



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Sports

Cross Country Vows Revenge

By ERIN COX
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, Oct. 24, both the men's and women's cross country teams competed at Elizabethtown, Penn. in their last meet before the Capital Athletic Conference, to be held at Hood College on Nov. 7.

On the women's side, UMW placed second out of 11 competing teams, losing to long time rival Salisbury University. The course, which was described as hilly and muddy, consisted of all types of terrain, and in famous steps, which caused a large number of runners to break their stride rhythm. Junior Kristy Whitek was the top UMW women's finisher, placing fifth overall with a time of 26:12. Whitek, who has been competing with UMW since freshman year, described the course as "the worst course I have ever ran..." Junior Sarah

"We will get them at conferences," she said, after she admitted, "they snuck up on us."

The women are confident in their abilities to win the CAC, now prepared with what they need to improve on before the race.

"They [SU] have more depth than us, but we have a stronger punch," Dawes said.

The men placed sixth out of 17 teams at Elizabethtown, without several key runners. Freshman Scott Plunkett, who placed third on the UMW men's side with a time of 21:36, said that "a few have been sick," but feels that the "close team" will be able to pull through at the CAC. A few of the men have been growing mustaches in the hopes of winning luck throughout the season, some have given up, but Plunkett has stuck with it, hoping it will help him place in the top seven UMW men's runners at the CAC which would allow him to compete at the Regional Championships the following week.

In addition, senior Brian Fulton was optimistic about the results from Saturday's race, saying, "at least everyone faced the same conditions."

When asked his predictions for the CAC, Fulton replied: "A lot of people run their mouths and talk about what they will do, but the only thing that matters is what happens come race day," and then added "But I can tell you that [it's] going to be wild."

The men's and women's coach, Stan Soper, seemed somewhat nervous about the flu circulating the teams, and the potential impact



Courtesy of Clint Offen

UMW Senior Frank DeVar led the Eagles in Saturday's 8,000 meter race with a time of 25:54. DeVar was later named the Capitol Athletic Conference Cross Country Athlete of the Week.

“
[Salisbury runners]
have more depth than us, but
we have a stronger punch.

— Junior Sarah Dawes ”

Dawes, who placed second within the UMW team with a time of 26:27, remembered the mud and rough conditions "...because of the previous rain" that had fallen.

Throughout the season the women's team has been closely competing with Salisbury, winning most of the previous races. On Saturday however, SU beat the UMW women's team by 11 points, causing tension on outlooks for the CAC in early November. Sophomore Michaela Sands isn't worried though.

it would have at the CAC, but said he "truly believe[s] when everyone is healthy we are the better team." There is a total focus on the conference meet, and with the women's team facing their "share of adversity" this season with injuries, illnesses and the like, Soper said the women have been remaining positive and that "a coach couldn't ask for more."

Senior Matt Cash was concerned about the obstacles that may face the teams at the CAC, "We only have one thing on our minds; we're looking to hurt Salisbury. Win or lose, they are going to have the worst day of their lives."

Field Hockey Falls 3-0 to SU



Courtesy of Rachel Hirst

The Mary Washington field hockey team fought valiantly against one of the top team's in Division III, but they were unable to come out with a win over Salisbury.

By TRICIA ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Despite a spectacular showing on defense, the field hockey team lost 3-0 to the second best team in the country, Salisbury University, on Sunday.

While Salisbury's reputation may have seemed a bit intimidating, the Eagles never backed down. The Sea Gulls outshot the Eagles, 19-2, and had 16 penalty corners to three for the Eagles, but junior goalie Chrissy Bowdren had 10 saves along with 4 saves made by the defense.

In response to being asked about all that defensive action, Bowdren said, "We really trained very hard defensively, and I think we did a spectacular job."

Salisbury first scored when one forward narrowly slipped the ball past Bowdren with 7:58 remaining in the first half. The two second half goals would come off of deflections at 13:36 elapsed and 2:50 left to play.

Junior Heidi Sheehan described the Eagles' overall performance by saying "We gave it everything we had."

Coach Dana Hall concurred: "Our defense stopped all their initial corners and did well. We really played great."

With the loss, the Eagles fall to 11-6 on the season, and 4-2 Capital Athletic Conference play.



Courtesy of Rachel Hirst

Sophomore Foward Erin Duffy knocks the ball away from a Salisbury player, but UMW could not find a way to score as the Eagles were shut out for the first time this year.

Early BCS Picture

By NICK NELSON
Assistant Sports Editor

When the college football season began, many (including this very writer) thought Florida quarterback Tim Tebow would be a lock for his second Heisman Trophy in three years. However, merely average play from the signal-caller has buried him in the standings, and allowed for a few unlikely names to step into the spotlight and become arguments as dark horse or runaway candidates.

In addition to the Heisman situation, the BCS is now two weeks into its standings, and just like always, there is a bit of controversy.

Alabama retained their number-two spot in the rankings, despite only winning by a 12-10 margin over a Tennessee squad that has been sluggish all season and fell to 3-4 after their loss to the Crimson Tide. The loss left many positive that Alabama would drop a couple spots, but they remain No. 2.

Also troublesome to many is Virginia Tech's place in the top 15, despite having two losses on the season and a shocking 28-23 loss to a Georgia Tech squad that was ranked 19th in the nation when the Hokies were fourth in the land.

Finally, many are shocked to see the Boise State Broncos in the Top 10 considering that the other teams in their conference have an average win-loss record of 3-3, and five of the nine teams have losing records. Boise has only played one ranked opponent, Oregon, at the beginning of the season, and won 19-8. Many feel that Boise's 7-0 record is inflated, and they will be an unfair repre-

sentative for BCS play when bowl season arrives.

However, the biggest arguments come when returning to the topic of the Heisman candidates.

As mentioned before, Tim Tebow started the 2009 season as a Heisman candidate, but has been relatively unassuming in the first seven games, averaging 165 yards and just over one touchdown a game. They're decent numbers, but by no means award-winning.

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford started the season as another strong candidate, but two separate injuries to his throwing shoulder have sidelined last year's winner for the season, with a disappointing line of 562 yards and two touchdowns in less than three games of action.

Cincinnati also had a quarterback making a strong case for the trophy, averaging just under 300 yards and three touchdowns per game before leaving in the second half of a game two weeks ago after aggravating a break in his left forearm from last season. Sitting out last week's game against Louisville ended his hopes for the Heisman.

With Bradford and Pike out of the picture, and Tebow a shaky candidate, the top favorites are seen to be Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen, Texas quarterback Colt McCoy, Alabama running back Mark Ingram and Houston quarterback Case Keenum.

Jimmy Clausen has averaged roughly 293 yards and two touchdowns per game, having only thrown two interceptions despite facing tough defenses from USC, Michigan and Michigan State. The Fighting Irish quarterback has only thrown for less than

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Sports Scores From The Past Week

Men's Soccer: 1-1 (W 4-1vs. Marymount University, L 0-1 vs. Salisbury University)

Women's Soccer: 2-1 (W 6-0 vs. North Carolina Wesleyan College, L 2-3 vs. Stevenson University, W 5-1 vs. Hood College)

Men's and Women's Swimming: L (86-171 vs. the University of William & Mary)

Equestrian Team: 2nd Place at Goucher College Show

Field Hockey: 0-1 (L 0-3 vs. Salisbury University)

Cross Country: Men finish 6th, Women finish 2nd in the Elizabethtown College Invitational

Volleyball: 1-1 (W 3-2 vs. Marymount University, L 2-3 vs. Lynchburg College)